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The Facts Beat Him

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Russell H. Conwell

This noted clergyman of world-wide fame, was minister of The Baptist Temple, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He was born in a modest country home near South Worthington, Massachusetts, February 15th, 1843.

His fearless acceptance of the truth of survival startled the smug complacency of all orthodox leaders of his day. Read the entire story as told on this page by Mr. Kuhn.

SPIRIT SUBMITS TO TEST

Evidence for the survival of the soul after bodily disintegration can come—and has come—from people of every rank and estate in life, from the lowly and untutored, the great and the learned. When it comes from one of the most eminent and renowned of the great ministers in all the country's history it should carry exceptional impressiveness for all. When a man of this rating speaks out for Spiritualism he would do so only because of the unquestionable certitude of his knowledge and his experience. This was predominantly true in the present case.

It would be hard to think of evidence more indisputable than that which convinced the great friend of Abraham Lincoln, the most popular of clergyman lecturers, the founder of a great church in a great University in Philadelphia, the dispenser of charities on a vast scale, that he saw and talked with the spirit of his "dead" wife, who came visibly and conversed with him every morning for six months!

"Acres of Diamonds"

Though a member of a generation that is past, the name of Dr. Russell H. Conwell is still a vivid memory in the minds and hearts of all intelligent people whose period of youth touched the concluding days of his notable career. His name ranks with those of such eminent preachers in American history as Henry Ward Beecher, Phillips Brooks, Newell Dwight Hillis and Robert Norwood.

He gave one lecture—that unforgettable *Acres of Diamonds*—more often than any man ever gave a single lecture in the history of the country. With the ten mil-

NOTED CLERGYMAN'S WIFE RETURNS OLD SCRAPBOOK BRINGS TO LIGHT AMAZING INCIDENT

SPIRIT FINDS HIDDEN PEN
THEN DISAPPEARSOne of the most evidential cases
of Spirit Return on Record**"DEAD" WIFE MATERIALIZES
and
CONVERSES EVERY MORNING
FOR SIX MONTHS**

This is the first in a series of two articles about the Conwell case. The second and final article will appear in *Psychic Observer*, Sept. 10th.

Ed.

THE FAMOUS CONWELL CASE

by
ALVIN BOYD KUHN

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Though "dead," she returned and was seen one hundred and eighty times, proving conclusively to the scoffers that there is at least one authenticated case for personal conscious survival.

assured of his normalcy in every respect. This being established, he had no recourse but to credit what his senses reported to his intelligence.

The facts then were that some time after her death the spirit of his wife, Sarah, took visible form as he awoke one morning and began to speak to him as she sat at the foot of his bed. This was repeated every morning for six months!

Not Explained Away

And there are still among us those who declare that there has never been one single authentic case of the return of a spirit to earth! If one hundred and eighty reappearances of the living personality of a well-known relative do not constitute conclusive evidence of the fact, one must ask what in the name of all conscience is demanded as evidence?

If we are asked to believe that the form appearing palpably to Conwell's sight and the familiar voice sounding in his ears, could not be identified by this person of exceptional intelligence in the full possession of his every faculty, as the form and the voice he had so long known as his wife's, but that he was caught by the impersonation of the deceased mate by some entity or other, or that the phenomenon was the result of some poorly understood whimsy of Conwell's own psychic energies, the "explanation" on any of these grounds must be regarded as being no less extraordinary and challenging than the actuality they are adduced to discredit. So it is in hundreds of cases, in which the "theories" advanced by skeptics to "explain away" a real phenomenon call for far more "explaining" than the phenomenon itself.

Spirit Submits to Tests

A most extraordinary feature of the Conwell visitation from the beyond was the willingness and the ability of this returned spirit to undergo the imposition of decidedly convincing tests, which

← This is Mrs. Sarah F. Conwell, second wife of Dr. Russell H. Conwell. She was formerly Miss Sarah Sanborn of Newton Center, Massachusetts. This picture appeared in the out-of-print book "His authorized Biography—Russell H. Conwell and His Work . . . including his World-Famous Inspirational Lecture: ACRES OF DIAMONDS." The facts contained in its pages stand as one of the most conclusive cases for survival ever to be recorded.

were suggested by her husband. After Sarah's spiritual self had paid him the regular morning visits for weeks, Conwell thought it might enable him to overcome the skepticism of those among his closer circle of friends to whom he had confided the occurrences but who still seemed reluctant to yield full and unreserved credit to their actuality, if he could subject Sarah's spirit to a pragmatic test of obvious and conclusive nature, and cite it as final proof.

So he proposed to her one morning that she locate for him the whereabouts of his discharge papers from his Civil War service, which he had been unable to find. She at once told him that they would be found in a lacquer box behind some books in a certain book closet. They were found at the place indicated.

Spirit Retains Memory

But Conwell felt that perhaps this test would not carry utterly convincing force, since Sarah might have remembered seeing them there from her life in the flesh.

Even if that were the case, it must be wondered, how a soul's memory of its experiences and knowledge acquired in its previous earth life could be construed as non-evidence of its present spiritual existence and its proper identity, we are at a loss to conceive. Yet such are the arguments tortured out of the disbeliever's strange theories of proof or disproof in this field of investigation.

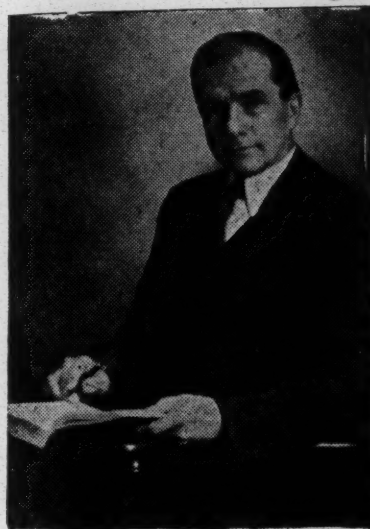
If a spirit materialized and could not remember any details of events in its earth life, it might then reasonably be construed as pertinent evidence against Spiritualistic claims. But surely a spirit's ability to remember known events in its earth life would be demanded naturally as one of the most obvious tests of its existence and its identity.

Spirit Locates a Hidden Pen

But to circumvent any such foolish argument, Conwell ventured to ask his wife for a more completely unassailable test, and one morning he asked Sarah if she would cooperate with him in another experiment when she returned on the following day. She again readily assented. After she had gone the clergyman took his gold pen and handed it to a negro servant in the house, instructing him to conceal it somewhere about the premises and tell no one of its location. This was done.

When Sarah's spirit came next

His Works Outstanding



Psychic Observer

Alvin Boyd Kuhn, Ph.D., 227 Murray St., Elizabeth (2) New Jersey; one of America's foremost writers in the field of Spiritualism. His comprehensive handling of the "Conwell Case," beginning on this page, brings to light one of the most startling proofs of survival of the century.

He is a teacher and lecturer; author of "Who Is This King of Glory?"—A critical study of the Christos; "The Lost Light"—An interpretation of the ancient scriptures and his latest book, "Sex as Symbol"—an ancient light in modern psychology.

After taking his Ph.D. degree in Philosophy at Columbia University in 1931, he taught and studied Theosophy. However today, he is one of the leading lecturers in the field of Spiritualism. His scholarly dissertations are attracting capacity audiences throughout the United States.

morning, the Doctor mentioned to her that he did not know where his gold pen was, and asked if she could help him locate it. Instantly she responded. "Yes, come and follow me," she said.

He trailed behind her moving form into one of the rooms in the house, in the corner of which there was a clothes closet. She told him to reach his hand in this closet and he would find his pen on a shelf. He reached in at the spot indicated and the first object that his hand contacted was his pen.

He turned around to express his wonder at her remarkable demonstration and—she was gone! He never saw her after that. To see her again was the great hope he expressed as long as he lived.

Comments Worth Noting

In granting a frank interview to the newspaper reporter the eminent minister, who laid himself open to jibes and charges of unbalanced mind from orthodox ministry and laity alike entered into some speculation as to the validity and significance of such an experience, falling as it did in the life of a minister of the Gospel.

Some items of his comment are eminently worth noting and they will be made the subject matter of a second paper on this occurrence in our psychic history. This chapter can be well concluded by some observations of our own on Conwell's description of the manner in which his wife's appearance became manifest to his sight. He described the phenomenon as not a coming of her person to the point

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JONATHAN KOONS

An Echo from the Past

This article, written exclusively for *Psychic Observer* by Mr. Evans, graphically describes one of the many astounding experiences of Emma Hardinge Britten . . . as recorded in her rare out-of-print book "Modern American Spiritualism."—Ed.

Unusual Phenomena Happened in Tippie's Spirit Rooms

By
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Jonathan Koons was a farmer in Millfield Township, Athens County, Ohio, U.S.A. He was one of the early pioneer mediums and was for a long time famous for the remarkable phenomena which took place in his family.

I am indebted for these notes to Emma Hardinge Britten's work *Modern American Spiritualism* in which she devotes two chapters to Koons and Tippie's Spirit Rooms.

Tippie, like Koons was a farmer who lived about three miles from Koons. Both of them were mediums and an account of one is almost a duplicate of the other. They were good neighbors, simple honest folk, sober minded and desirous of getting at the Truth wherever it might be found.

Family of Mediums

As Koons devoted a lot of time to giving seances, for which he received no pay, and at the same time fed and gave refreshment to his many visitors, whatever motive the skeptic may hunt for to explain the phenomena, cupidity and avarice were certainly not amongst them.

The whole family were mediums and as there were nine children they formed a powerful band of eleven doing splendid pioneer work in those early days, convincing hundreds of people of the reality of spirit communion.

Under direction of the spirits both Koons and Tippie erected a log house twelve feet by fifteen

which was known as Spirit Rooms.

In each room was a "spirit machine" which consisted of a somewhat complex arrangement of zinc and copper, serving the purpose, as spirits alleged, of collecting and focalizing the magnetic aura used in the manifestations.

This novel battery was placed upon a long wooden table, by the side of several instruments, provided according to direction, and consisting of a harp, guitar, violin, accordion, tambourine, triangle, several bells, a tin trumpet and a variety of toys, and two drums of different sizes were strung up on a high frame, and a round table was so placed as to come in contact with the square wooden one supporting the instruments.

"Seraph's Advocate"

The mediums usually sat in a semi-circle about the round table, and visitors were accommodated, to the number of twenty or more, on benches at the back of the first circle.

The seances were held in the dark but the volume and variety of the phenomena, together with the fact that the room was generally so full that no one could move without its being known, made any attempt at simulation exceedingly difficult if not impossible.

In some autobiographical notes given by Koons in a religious paper called the *Seraph's Advocate*, published at Syracuse, New York, he says:

No Explanation

"I received yours of March 8, 1853 and with pleasure respond to your request that I inform you of the circumstances under which we receive our communications.

"In the first place, however, I would state that I had become an advocate of atheistical sentiments, through the perversions of ortho-

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Members, officers, speakers and mediums associated with the church, (left to right, standing) Rev. Mary McFarland, medium; Rev. Agnes Hofferma, Pastor; Rev. Catherine Hickerson, medium. (Left to right, seated) Viola Deck, pianist; Katherine Garner; Elsie Heindrick, President; Zella Burkins, trustee; Elenor Hughes, trustee.

dox teaching under which I had been educated, and which at an early age took a deep hold upon my mind.

"Finding myself, as I grew up to reason and think on such subjects, sadly disappointed in my expectations of blessing, comfort and instruction, I first began to question the mystical doctrines of orthodoxy, and then rejected them as incomprehensible and unreasonable.

"Instead of attempting to convince me of my errors, my teachers heaped curses and denunciation upon me, until in my agony of spirit, I was often constrained to cry aloud, 'Lord, save me or I perish.' Still no help seemed to come.

"The teachings of eternal destruction, election, infant damnation etc., seemed to me to grow more irreconcilable with the idea of a 'Merciful Father,' or an 'all-wise and just Judge.'

"At length, finding no explanation of the mysteries of Godliness from man, I became skeptical of all man-taught doctrine, and doubtful of spiritual existence altogether."

It was in this state of mind he heard of the strange things which were occurring in many parts of the country, and at last in his own vicinity, about the beginning of the year 1852, he made a visit to a neighboring family, amongst whom, it was reported, these wonders could be witnessed.

Strange Spiritual Gifts

The father of the family through whom Mr. Koons commenced his investigations, had a daughter who was a strong physical and highly developed medium, and through her he beheld phenomena which his plain common sense and shrewd intellect assured him were entirely out of the young girl's power to produce.

Continuing his investigations he was told that he himself was a medium and that every member of his family also possessed the power in varying degrees. At first, he received this with laughing in-

credulity but says:

"It was not long after my return home, that I found myself visited with the peculiar influence. My entire family became developed with these strange spiritual gifts, from the child of seven months to my oldest son, of eighteen years, being nine in number besides myself and wife, making eleven mediums in my own family.

Mystery Unraveled

With such a battery of power one can realize how strong the manifestations would be. But Mr. Koons was not yet satisfied. He continues his narrative:

"We had the greatest evidence, and strongest demonstrations in the whole country; yet, as far as it concerned myself, it might have been electricity, biology, Satan or what not; certainly it is, to my unquiet mind I could not deem it the work of disembodied spirits.

"I was discomfited in all my investigations, and utterly unreconciled to the spiritual idea.

"I knew how wonderful it all was, how unaccountable to myself, and even how beautiful, yet whilst my family and friends were feasting in the enjoyment of angelic correspondence, I was groaning in doubt and uncertainty.

"At last, through the mediumship of my eldest son, it was promised that if I would build a room and construct a table according to plan that the spirits laid down for me, I should have all the evidence I required, besides bringing conviction to hundreds of darkened minds.

"Determined to fathom the mystery to the utmost extent I could, I at last set to work, built the room, constructed the spirit table, according to exact directions, and then placed pencil and papers upon it. This done, I carefully closed, locked, sealed, and guarded that room, so that no human being could have access to it but myself.

"At the end of a certain specified time, I unclosed it, entered, and found the blank sheets of paper I had left, covered with written communications addressed to myself, and containing wise admonition, gentle rebukes of my skepticism, encouraging promises and many internal evidences of their having been written by high intelligences, and wise, beneficent spirit friends."

In Buffalo, N. Y.

Mr. Koons continued his experiments and at last realized that he was in communion with the arisen "dead." The stone of doubt was rolled back from his mind and the resurrection light filled his heart with its delight and joy.

From an account sent to the *Age*

of Progress by Stephen Dudley, head of the firm of Stephen Dudley & Sons, Buffalo, New York, of a visit he paid to Koons, I take the following. After narrating one sitting with them in which some remarkable phenomena occurred, Mr. Dudley goes on:

"The next evening, at seven o'clock, Mr. Koons, his wife, son and our party of four, and two gentlemen investigators—nine in all—repaired to the spirit room.

"All being seated and quiet, the single startling concussion on the drum announced that the spirits were ready to commence the phenomena for the evening.

Automatic Writing

"Again the table was charged with the convulsive rattlings and tremblings before described. The tremendous reveille was beaten, Mr. Koons commenced playing on the violin, joined not only by the whole band of instruments, but also with a large harmonicon which stood in the room, and on this occasion was played on, in a most masterly manner.

"Again they were asked for a vocal entertainment, which was given by several voices in such delicious strains, and in such exquisite harmony, that I must be permitted to say, if it was done by the 'Devil' then is that worthy fit to lead a choir of angels.

"At an interval in the music, I asked Mr. Koons if he would request the spirits to write for us. Without hesitation or delay, they supplied themselves with the paper and pencils which we had taken in and laid on the table.

"And here let me state that I had brought with me printing paper unsized and unruled, hence, unlike any that could be procured in that part of the country, or indeed anywhere but from a printing office; also, I brought with me, purposely, one of Flesheim's Buffalo pencils.

Partial Materialization

"They placed the paper on which they were going to write immediately before me. Then, what appeared to be a human hand holding a pencil was placed visibly on the paper, and immediately commenced writing with a rapidity that no mortal hand can equal or come near to. The paper, the hand, the pencil, were so near to us, and

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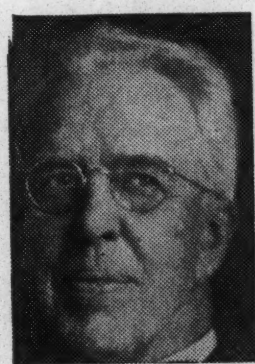
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PARACELSUS

Philippus, Theophrastus, Bombast of Hohenheim
A FAMOUS OCCULT PERSONALITY

He Manipulated Substance
of Organic Nature and
Created a Miniature
Human Being.

By FRANK CLAYTON

There is a school of thought which maintains that unless science and religion recognize certain universal principles which form the basis of all processes of reasoning, the results and conclusions arrived at must in some way be deficient.

Paracelsus was an important member of this fraternity of great men who have endeavored to show that the division of the pursuit of wisdom into separate "compartments" must lead to lack of cohesion and the omission of essential and important factors in human activity.

The name "Paracelsus" is thought to have been of his own invention, signifying that its possessor was "greater than Celsus," the early Latin writer on medicine and physic.

His real name was Theophrastus Bombast Von Hohenheim, and he was born about 1490 A.D. in Einsideln, near Zurich. For a time, he studied at Basle University, but soon left for the Tyrol, where he became absorbed in the study of metallurgy, mining mechanics and diseases with which miners were afflicted.

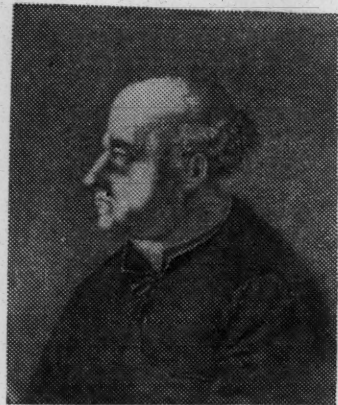
Honored By University

Very early in life, it became obvious that his real interest lay in the art of therapeutics; although at all times his approach was original and unorthodox. He wandered from place to place in his early years, coming in contact with a motley assortment of people: Egyptian and Arabian magicians and wise men, healers, conjurers and vagabonds of all descriptions.

At the age of 35, he returned to Basle, and owing to the reputation he had earned as a practical healer of ailments which the recognized physicians had given up as hopeless of cure, was given the Chair of Medicine at the University.

This did not last long, however, for he earned himself the undying hatred of the established medical

HE UPSET OLD THEORIES



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PARACELSUS
"Founder of Modern Medicine"

authorities by his unorthodox practices and theories, which were entirely free from medical tradition. On one famous occasion, he preceded a lecture by publicly burning the works of Galen and Avicenna, who were revered as the traditional cornerstones of recognized medical authority.

Expressed Ancient Wisdom

Such an action as this was typical of Paracelsus. He was an anomaly. On the one hand, he was conceited and arrogant in the extreme, and on the other, displayed a sincerity of purpose and a great understanding of the true nature of things.

After about four years in Basle, he was forced by his enemies to leave once more, and for about twelve years he followed the roving life again, consorting with people of every type and description. Finally, in 1541, he was invited to settle in Salzburg, under the protection of the Archbishop. His rest, however, was short-lived, for after a few months, he passed on from this life.

More important than the life of Paracelsus, the man, however, is the teaching which we find infiltrating through him to the outside world. For, speaking through Paracelsus, one hears the expression of that ancient Wisdom which periodically emerges into the light of day.

Triune Functions of Man

Paracelsus had no time for theory as such, and believed the scientist or physician must read fully in the Book of Nature in order to gain a comprehension of the real nature of substance. Basically, he taught that there were four prime "elements," earth, air, fire and water, and in order to understand the functions of the human being it was essential to know just how these elements were combined in matter.

Further, man's true nature must be investigated: an understanding of the triune functions of body, soul and spirit was essential. Paracelsus also maintained that the elements were affected by emanations from the heavenly bodies and that, for this reason, the wise physician must know that science of astrology.

Founder of Modern Medicine

Paracelsus' cry for a wider experience and understanding amongst men of science, is perhaps just as applicable in these days as it was 400 years ago. Some authorities have claimed that Paracelsus was, in effect, the founder of modern medicine. This is, however, a rather ambitious claim, although he certainly was instrumental in rescuing it from a background of superstition and worn-out tradition.

It is chiefly, however, as a great

alchemist that Paracelsus is remembered, for his researches resolved themselves mainly into the pursuit of an "essence" or "first matter," which formed the universal basis of substance, and which he called "philosophic mercury." He has left on record various formulae for its separation and manipulation, but unfortunately these, like most alchemical descriptions, are ambiguously worded.

Man—A Microcosm

Of interest to us in these days, however, is the fact that Paracelsus maintained that each body possesses an astral double, and that these astral images exert an attraction upon each other akin to magnetism. These theories anticipated, it will be seen, the later researches in the field of animal magnetism and Spiritualism.

Space does not permit the detailing of the teachings of Paracelsus, but his theories belonged, in the main, to the Neo-Platonic school. Neo-Platonism, founded by Plotinus of Alexandria was a system of philosophy and mysticism, based on principles laid down by the Greek philosopher, Plato, whose ideas form the germ of most mystical and occult systems.

One of the chief tenets which Paracelsus revived was that Man is a microcosm, or repetition, in the form of a "little cosmos," of all the functions of the Macrocosm or "Great Cosmos."

Philosopher's Stone

He taught that the soul has the power of conscious volition towards the Infinite as well as towards the finite; that Man, in effect, dwells in two worlds at one and the same time. Part of Paracelsus' system too, was based on the Platonic theory of "innate ideas": that man possesses, potentially, infinite wisdom, which can be drawn forth or educed, by certain methods.

Paracelsus claimed, too, to have succeeded in making the Philosopher's Stone: the goal of the alchemist's search; and also, to have created a miniature human being, or homoculus, by the manipulation of organic substance. He also claimed to have conversed with those who had passed on, and to have possessed the power of second sight.

His name has been closely linked with the Rosicrucians. True, he is mentioned in the early Rosicrucian documents, as being of similar persuasion, although not a member of the Order.

It is interesting to note, however, that his life compares closely with that of the mythical founder of the Rosicrucian Order, Christian Rosenkreutz.

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taries on Paracelsus treat his theories with little consideration, especially where the art of healing is concerned, and stress instead his personal weakness.

Yet although Paracelsus may have been bombastic, egotistical, weak, and ignorant in booklearning, we can see the light of the universal wisdom shining through his teachings.

Here we have one of those periodic emergings of great wisdom through an all-too-human vehicle; the wisdom expressed is, however, the important thing. For by means of the faculties in the human soul which it speaks of, we may learn to comprehend the things of Spirit, and Man may realize his true identity, origin and destiny.

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Are We To Know?

By Sir John Anderson

Many great inventions for the benefit of mankind, have been used for the destruction of life, but the power of atomic energy has been discovered and used primarily for this evil purpose. The fact that it can be harnessed for industrial purposes, only increases the danger that it will be used to destroy the world, for it is only a matter of time before the secret will become common knowledge, and any disgruntled nation will be able to destroy its neighbor.

Further, there will be other equally powerful inventions that will make armies and navies obsolete—so the vicious circle of cause and effect continues to operate in a mad world!

Can the World Survive?

The only hope for humanity, is a Spiritual regeneration, whereby jealousy, envy and strife between nations would disappear, and the Brotherhood of Man become a reality. The world at the moment is dominated by evil, so the mass mind of humanity must reject evil from their thoughts, and by so doing, in a split second this world would become a Paradise — the original intention of its Creator.

There is evidence throughout the world, that the masses are beginning to realize this necessity, and it is the golden opportunity for all religions of the world to unite, and work in harmony with each other and put into practice the basic principles of their individual faith—for only by the power of the Spirit can the world survive.

We never hear of the politicians of the world having a conference to discuss the scientific facts of the verities of life, instead of wrangling about material things that lead to war. It is a great truth that "As a man thinketh in his heart—so is he" and it must be remembered, that the actions of a nation, are the reflections of its thoughts for good or evil.

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APPORTS WHAT THEY ARE

The Mediumship of
CHARLES BAILEY

By HORACE LEAF

Apports are doubtless the most elusive of supernormal phenomena. As a rule none but the recipient can be sure of their real origin. I have witnessed them in the presence of famous mediums and, even when the conditions have been scientifically arranged, there is always an element of doubt about them.

On one occasion I walked beside the medium, with an equally keen guard watching every movement on the other side of her, and although she had been carefully examined by a committee and dressed in special garments, when she produced the apport one felt dubious of its origin.

It was a small cross with a figure of *Jesus* upon it. Her hands had been crossed on her chest throughout the whole of that momentous parade and, as far as I could see, and visibility was perfect since the seance was held in full daylight, there were no normal means by which she could have become possessed of the object. Yet when she handed the cross to me my mind was filled with doubt.

Tasmanian Phenomena

This will be regarded by sympathizers as a crass piece of skepticism on my part, and I might add on the part of the other guard, but that doubt was there all the same.

During my visit to *Australia* some years ago I witnessed Charles Bailey, the well known medium, produce a number of foreign coins apparently from nowhere. One moment his hands were empty, the next they overflowed with coins, one of which, an ancient Roman denarius, he presented to me.

On this occasion there were no conditions imposed, but the fact remains that he had over and over again produced similar phenomena before investigators who took every precaution against Bailey playing any normal part in production of the subjects, many of which were living creatures, including birds, indigenous to other parts of the world.

At *Launceston, Tasmania*, there was a room in the public museum dedicated by the town council to apports that had been received through Bailey's mediumship and some of them were extremely large, including an entire suit and regalia belonging to some North American chieftain.

To all intents and purposes, these objects, for there were several, had been transported from

the United States, or Canada, a distance of several thousand miles.

I talked with one leading *Brisbane* citizen who had often engaged the professional services of Bailey, and he assured me that he too had been fortunate in obtaining by apport a similar outfit, and admitted that this and other apports thus received were of greater value than the fees he paid the medium. I believe that the reservation of a special room to the product of a Spiritualist medium in a public museum is unique to Bailey and a splendid testimonial to his supernormal powers as well as to his integrity.

The "Key" Apport

There is ample reason for believing that apports are much more common than is generally suspected by the general public. They usually take the form of small objects missing, for example, from one's dressing table, and the owner finally finds them back where they originally were, or in some unexpected place, where they certainly ought not to have been.

I had an experience which convinced me that for several years I was the victim of apports. They invariably took the form of the loss of my latch key, which I habitually kept in my left hand trouser pocket. Often I would be irritated to find the key missing when required, necessitating my knocking at the street door to gain admission; later, I would be surprised to find the key in my pocket.

It did not strike me that I was subject to apports until one day, walking down the street in which I lived, I was surprised to feel something cold resting against my left thigh! I stopped and on examination discovered, to my amazement, that it was my latch key.

How it got into that position I shall never know, as I wore beneath my trousers underwear, which reached up to my waist, and there seemed no normal means by which the key could have worked its way out of my trouser pocket on to my thigh. But perhaps the most remarkable feature of the experience was that the key remained on the exact spot where I felt it.

Mysterious Happenings

There was absolutely nothing normal to have restrained it from sliding down my leg into my shoe. This convinced me that the key had been apported and returned in this mysterious manner. Furthermore, I have never from that day to this, about twenty years, missed my latch key from my pocket. I wonder how many other people have had similar experiences.

For centuries there have been recorded mysterious happenings which have all the appearance of being apports and which have puzzled science, and which science has endeavored to account for rationally. This has often given rise to absurd guesses. These strange apports have included the transporting of living objects, including human beings, from very distant places and, from time to time, newspapers and journals have recorded these events.

It is well known, for instance, that branded deer, presumably from *Norway* and *Sweden*, appear in *Spitzbergen*, but by what means they made the journey has never been found out.

In 1926, both the "*Daily Mail*" and the "*Daily Chronicle*" reported that two seals, within three months, had appeared in a local pond at *Hampstead*. One died soon after being captured, but the other remained in a tank into which it had been placed in a thriving condition.

The "*Evening News*" represen-

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The picture above was taken at The Brookings Memorial Spiritualist Church, Summer and Richmond Ave., Buffalo, N. Y., during the recent annual convention of The International General Assembly of Spiritualists.

Present at this board meeting, called to order by Lt. Com. Fred Jordan of Virginia, President of The I.G.A.S. were (left to right): Rev. Mayme Pirtle, North Long Beach, California; Arthur F. Ebert, 3rd Vice President, Buffalo, N. Y.; Rev. M. McBride Pantan, Stamford, Connecticut; Rev. W. Brunt Darden, Portsmouth, Virginia; President Jordan; Rev. Edith Green, Detroit, Michigan; Arthur Ford, Honorary President, Miami, Florida, and Rev. Frederick W. Mitchell, pastor and convention host, Buffalo, N. Y.

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tative took along Mr. Shelley, of the London Zoo, and Mr. Shelley identified the young seal as a wild one which snapped at fingers whenever they were placed near it.

It is recorded that in 1927 there appeared in the mountainous districts of *Inverness-shire* mysterious footprints at a time when sheep and goats were being unaccountably slaughtered. A large, fierce, yellow animal of unknown species was killed by a farmer. Then more mysterious tracks and more slaughter and another fierce, yellow animal was shot.

This was followed by a third specimen caught in a trap. The body was sent to the *London Zoo*, where it was identified as a lynx. This animal is found in the Alps, the *Carpathians*, and more often in the *Caucasus*.

Called "Teleportation"

How did these three get to *Inverness-shire*? Nobody ever found out; and why should three adults appear about the same time?

It is known that among the apes of *Gibraltar* some appear and disappear. These monkeys, well-known among soldiers stationed there, were often named. Some of them would vanish in a most mysterious way and then reappear with new, strange monkeys of a similar breed.

The "*Daily Mail*," July 1, 1920, referring to this strange happening, suggested that there must be a tunnel running from *Gibraltar* to *Africa*, through which the animals passed. This theory of a tunnel for apes is very old, and reference is made to it in Gilbard's "*History of Gibraltar*," published in 1881. Gilbard wisely referred to it as a "wild and impossible theory." But where do these apes go, and from whence do the strangers of a "similar" species come?

One could go on indefinitely, mentioning remarkable incidents which can be accounted for best by the theory of apports, or, as *Charles Fort* calls it, teleportation.

Can it be that under this heading may be included some of the

large number of men, women and children who regularly disappear from the face of the earth, leaving no trace behind them? We are apt to overlook the remarkable fact that, weekly, numbers disappear and, after every attempt has been made by the police and by advertising, are never found.

In an island such as *England* there should be little difficulty in tracing them, but still they vanish. This is a suggestion that will cause people to laugh—but will not eliminate the fact. There are, indeed, cases on record where reliable witnesses have actually seen the individuals vanish and they have seldom returned.

I say seldom, because there are on record instances where they have come back with the "fantastic" story that they had been spirited away from earth by some non-planetary beings.

THE SPIRITUAL DESTINY OF AMERICA

By H. J. EDWARDS

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Mr. Edwards, popular English Lecturer, has expressed his intention of touring United States during 1947. He will be accompanied by George Daisley, one of London's outstanding clairvoyants. U.S.A. churches may contact Mr. Edwards by writing to above address.

Nobody on March 31st, 1848, could have seen in the *Hydesville* rappings the birth of an event of world wide interest and importance, any more than it was apparent 1848 years earlier what *Christmas* would mean to posterity. Both events have common points of resemblance in that each took place in an obscure setting and were concerned with quite ordinary folk.

Nothing in either suggested at the time that the occasion would revolutionize the thoughts and lives of individuals and nations, or that both would be the cause of great differences of opinion and often cruel consequences.

Yet, such is the effect of great spiritual events, that even as they bring a great light into this world the early results merely tend to emphasize the darkness of the souls it is their mission to illumine.

Does the average American care a rap for the *Hydesville* phenomenon? Does he see in that event any special national significance? Or is he too close to the location, or too busy in other ways to do so?

Has this modern revelation of an ancient law made any particular impact upon the *Soul* of the nation?

Let us try to find the answers to our questions by asking others. In the first place, why was *America* chosen for the 1848 manifesta-

tions? Surely there can be found in every country of the world a dead body in similar circumstances! But can we find anywhere else such a passionate desire for freedom, and such a cross section of the world's population as is to be found in the United States? The answer is obvious.

Where again, can you find elsewhere a nation that has so obviously been led from beyond at critical periods of history to emerge stronger, more free and more united. *Lincoln* stood out as an instrument used for this forging of international destiny.

Where, too, are to be found a people so free, happy, peace-loving and abiding and so naturally generous in instinct and friendliness.

I do not wish to be assumed as implying that Americans have all the virtues but, taking these qualities as a whole, they cannot be found so abundantly in any other people, and thus the spiritual soil should be rich.

Economically, the States lead the world. Morally, universal leadership is within grasp.

If *America* becomes the spiritual leader of the world, her greatness would have no parallel in history, but at times she seems strangely hesitant to reach her full spiritual stature.

The Centenary Celebration

As a distant, but very interested, observer, I seem to discern this impulse clearly heaving individually in the mass, but it lacks the clarion call of direct leadership. While this stricken universe cries aloud for guidance in spiritual re-arming it looks towards *America*, in the hope that her national eagle will symbolize truly the heights to which she will soar spiritually and carry with her into the light "the peoples that have walked in darkness," and still so walk despite the blood and the sweat and the tears that have been shed to bring them freedom and brotherhood.

What will be the response? The national measure of this will be the true individual measure of the work done during the past 98 years. What a centenary celebration is in prospect—but the day is far spent. The sun of opportunity will soon decline. If it sets through an eclipse of materialism it will never again shine with the power of so much promise for *America* to fulfill her spiritual destiny.

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Psychic Experiences of the BURTON'S

Both Isabel Burton, who passed away over fifty years ago last March, and her husband, Sir Richard Burton, the well-known traveler, were highly sensitive to the Occult.

Isabel, who was by birth a member of the great Roman Catholic family of the Arundells of Wadour, was an unusual girl. Her family thought her eccentric. Occult books were her favorites—particularly Disraeli's "Tancred," with its glamour of the East.

The Arundells lived for some time at Furze Hall, Ingatstone, and here, though forbidden, Isabel would associate with the gypsies who camped in a certain green lane. One of them Hagar Burton, cast her horoscope, and this so captured the young girl's imagination, that there is no doubt it secretly influenced her whole life.

A Student of Yoga

It foretold that she "would cross the seas, and be in the same town as your Destiny and know it not. Every obstacle will rise up against you, and such a combination of circumstances that it will require all your courage, energy and intelligence to meet them . . . You will bear the name of our tribe, and be right proud of it . . . Your life is all wandering, change and adventure. One soul in two bodies

The Psychology Of Prayer

By
MRS. M. H. WALLIS

How often in the religious services of this and other countries do we find the recital of the prescribed prayers to be a mere jumble of words; though with reverential air and solemn demeanor, how often those who are supposed to be united in the true spirit of devotion are but presenting the mere shell of outward conformity. *This is not prayer!* For in true prayer there exists sincerity in the consciousness of need.

Prayer is not confined to thought or word. As the soul becomes conscious of a need, so does the desire for that need to be supplied become a prayer. The poet has truly said, "Prayer is the soul's sincere desire, uttered or unexpressed," and so the man who is clear of brain and mind can no more help praying than he can help breathing.

How to Acquire

Both on this side and on the spirit side of life we are in turn interfering with or assisting others, and being interfered with or assisted by others, in the path of mental and spiritual progress. Your thoughts and desires thus radiate to those whose personal thought sphere is akin and responsive to your own, while those who are not of the same thought plane with you may not be affected thereby.

Thus the gathering together of a large number of persons in one place, of one accord, is a potent force towards reaping the desired result, and, whether the thought thus felt by each be voiced in prayer or borne upon the wings of silent aspiration, the thought is equally potent.

in life or death, never long apart."

The prophecy soon began to fulfill itself. After a season in town, when, to the great disappointment of her mother, Isabel did not make an influential marriage, the Arundells retired to Boulogne to economize. Richard Burton's parents were also living there and their son crossed over to meet them and his Destiny.

This unusual young man, during six years in India, had shown leanings too bizarre for his companions. He had conducted experiments with hashish, had made a study of Yoga, and, dressed as a native, had entered harems, mosques and markets.

"I Am Your Destiny"

Isabel and Richard met accidentally on the Ramparts of Boulogne. The girl was completely magnetized by his height, his Arab features and his "terrible, burning eyes." When he had passed she turned and whispered to her sister, "That man will marry me."

They saw little of each other at the time and it was not until some years later that their paths crossed again and they became engaged. This, however, they kept a secret, as Richard was due to sail for Africa.

On the night of his departure, Isabel had her first psychic experience. She was at the theater and saw, as she thought, her lover in another box. She beckoned but he did not come.

In the night her sleep was broken. Richard appeared to enter her room. "Goodbye, my poor child," he said, "my time is up, and I have gone, but do not grieve. I shall be back in less than three years, and

I AM YOUR DESTINY." "He pointed to the clock," she wrote in her diary, "and it was two." Then he laid a letter on her table and said, "This is for your sister . . . not for you."

Sure enough, next morning Isabel's sister received a letter from Richard explaining his morbid horror of farewells and begging her to break the news of his departure to Isabel. He had left his lodgings at the exact hour at which she had seen him in the theater and had sailed from Southampton at two in the morning.

A Sign from Heaven

"I believe there is a strong sympathy between some people," said Isabel of this experience, "so strong that, if they concentrate minds on each other at a particular moment at the same time, and each wills strongly to be together, the will can produce this effect, though we do not yet understand how or why."

It was not unnatural that Mrs. Arundell strongly resisted Isabel's marriage. Richard was not the party she would have wished for her daughter. In the end, Isabel, then thirty, eloped.

Then followed a life of wandering and adventure. On one occasion before joining her husband at Damascus, Isabel in a dream saw herself at a small harbor. "It was black as night, and the wind was sobbing mournfully, and there were two steamers in the harbor, waiting. One refused to go out, but the other went, and came to grief . . . I prayed silently that I might have a sign from heaven, and it should be that one captain should refuse to go."

Spiritualism's Revival

Sure enough when Isabel reached Dover there was a choice of two steamers. "I haven't seen such a night this forty years," said an old sailor to her and advised her not to travel. One steamer put out but returned to Dover the next morning in a "pitiable plight."

Again, when Richard Burton was recalled from his consular post at Damascus, Isabel remained behind. The night of his departure her mind was full of him and she had one of her most vivid dreams. An invisible Something pulled her by the arm and said, "Your husband wants you. Get up and go to him."

This happened three times, till Isabel unable to bear any more, got up, dressed, saddled a horse and galloped through the night to Beyrout, which she reached before her husband's boat sailed. She found him "walking alone about the streets. Not even a kawwass was sent to attend him, though this is the usual courtesy paid to a Consul in the East, nor was there any show of honor or respect. The

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jackals were always ready to slight a dead lion. But I was there, thank God; and he was so surprised and rejoiced when he greeted me, that his whole face was illumined, and his brief, 'Thank you. Bon sang ne peut men'ir' was sufficient reward."

At the end of the Franco-Prussian war the Burtons found Spiritualism having a great revival, and they attended many seances on their return to London. Wilkie Collins told of peculiar visitations, and the Earl of Dunraven spoke of Daniel Home floating out of a window eighty-five feet above street level and in at another, and of his handling live coal without harm.

They visited many haunted houses, including Knebworth where Edward Bulwer-Lytton had made many researches. Isabel even wrote a book called "The Sixth Sense," but on re-reading the manuscript decided to burn it as "I was afraid that it would do harm."

The Words Came True

Lady Burton's views as a devout Catholic were sometimes opposed to those of her husband, whose Catholicism was tinged with Eastern mysticism. He became convinced that with Spiritualism "we were on the verge of a new science, which any one who had time and power to grasp could turn to good practical account . . . He thought that people should not make a religion of it, but only use it for scientific experiments."

Further, "that if several manifestations which he and his wife had witnessed could be pushed further . . . we should have a closer connection with the other world."

"At times," wrote Lady Burton, "he and I together got very near something, he being the power, and I the medium, and then we lost all trace and gave it up."

Lady Burton felt that Spiritualism in the West was wrongly received. In the East and especially among the Arabs, all are organized for manifestations which they take as "a matter of course."

After her husband's death, Lady Burton told W. T. Stead that there was a Spiritualism which comes from God but also one that comes from devils. When asked by him if she believed in communion with the dead, she replied without hesitation, "I do, for I talk with my darling nearly every day." They were one soul in two bodies in life or death, never long apart. Thus the words of the gypsy came true. "Prediction"

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THE CONWELL CASE

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where she was seen sitting, but as a coming into visibility of her form which was already present at that place before it was seen. She was already there before he was able to see her. It was not a coming to a place but a coming to visibility.

The significance of this detail is great, for it indicates to us that our loved ones can be about us and with us at all times in their invisible state. What is wanting to bring them within the field of our sensual perception is either a greater sensitivity to the finer vibrations of their world, or greater strength on their part to materialize in our sensual domain.

Our "dead" are with us more or less constantly—our two worlds interfuse—but the two are separated commonly by a gap or gulf, which can be thought of in much the same way as we understand the gulf in vibratory frequencies and wave-lengths that place two differing radio transmissions in their two separate realms of apperception.

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THE WHITE ROBED PRESENCE

By DORIS SEVERN

I WONDER how many of us realize that we all have our Guardian Angels constantly with us. The teaching of the Church of Rome is sound on this point. We do acknowledge the existence of Angels, it is true, and for "the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels" we have in our Prayer Book a very beautiful Collect. And in most cases that Collect is the beginning and the end of the instruction.

I have never, in all my many years of church-going, heard a sermon giving any real and definite teaching on the subject. And I have made a most careful habit of attending service on this Festival.

"Well," you may say, "you have perhaps been unfortunate; other people, no doubt, have had the

blessed truth of the Ministry of Angels impressed on them; and it has come to form an important part of their daily life."

Alas, my inquiries among other people have resulted in just the opposite conclusion. When, by care and patience, I have been able to woo my friends to enter on the subject at all, it has only been to find they know nothing. They would not acknowledge to have ever had any teaching about it, and they were inclined to regard the Angels and their ministry as having little, if anything, to do with the affairs of this world.

There is a beautiful passage in one of Luther's letters which I must quote.

"From childhood upward, I should make a custom of saying to a child, 'Dear child, thou has an Angel of thine own. When thou prayest morning and evening, the same Angel will be beside thee, will sit by thy little bed clothed in white raiment, will take care of thee, cradle thee to sleep, and guard thee that the evil one may not come near thee. Also when thou sayest the BENEDICTE and GRATIA at meals, thy Angel will be at table with thee, serving thee, guarding thee, and watching over thee.'"

If this teaching were habitually given to little children, we should hear less of the mysterious nocturnal terrors which make a night-light indispensable. The evil blossom (deadly as the night-shade) of nervous and spiritual fright would be nipped in the bud.

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our dim eyes could open just a little more, if some hand could drop some euphrasy, or "eye-bright," into them, then we should see day by day, and more especially night by night, the white-clad forms moving about on their various errands; some sitting as Luther says, beside the beds of the little children, some by the pallets in the hospital, while the lights are turned low; some in the prisons, softening the dreary misery or the sharp mental agony of the prisoners, some in the barracks, some in the great centers of industry, some in the training ships, some, oh, saddest and most special task of all, in the asylum, to soothe the distracted nerves and to drop healing balm on the weary spirit. As Browning sings—

"Pressing the brain, which too much thought expands,
Back to its proper size again,
and smoothing
Distortion down, till every nerve had soothing,
And all lay quiet, happy, and suppressed."

Then as to children, what a safeguard is here. Teach a child that his Guardian Angel will be grieved by his ill-temper, or his bad conduct, and you at once supply him with a most powerful incentive to good behavior. For though teachers and parents must sometimes be away from him, the spirit stays.

Maybe one of the sweetest things that will happen to us when we grow older will be to see our spirit guides face to face, and recognize that dear presence as the one whose faithful care has never left us from our cradle to the last scene of all.

Do you say that recognition of this fact would lead us to depend on the spirit rather than on Him Who appointed him? Nay, for we know that God works through means, and by messengers; and if we receive the message in a right spirit, we shall only draw closer and closer to Him, for many sweet and wonderful things shall be told us by those visitants from the Spirit World, which will fill our hearts with love and devotion beyond anything that could be imagined.

Purpose of Spirit Return

Those whose work is solitary will find the greatest comfort from the knowledge of their Guardian. The working woman in a lonely cottage, with the children at school and the husband away at work, will feel a quiet, happy sense of companionship as she moves about her work. The signalman in his box, between trains; the lighthouse keeper while his mate sleeps, and the roar and boom of the waves form the only sound; the settler's wife, while her husband is out on the farm, and she alone must wrestle with the domestic labor—all and each of these would be helped and comforted by the sense of unseen companions.

"Never less alone than when alone," would be the motto. Can one not imagine how pleased the spirit is when his charge first becomes conscious of his presence? For how many years has he not patiently, gently, untiringly, in all places and at all times, done his work watching, guarding, cheering when lonely, giving advice in perplexity, filling the mind with high and holy thoughts—which the charge imagines comes from his own mind. And only now is the recipient dimly conscious of the benefactions with which he has been loaded.

Dr. John Hunter writes, "Do not think them absent because you cannot catch the expression of their face, or trace the outline of their form. The spiritual presences are the most real presences."

National Spiritualist Teacher



Psychic Observer

Rev. Sarah Parker Thomson, inspirational speaker, author and poet; Co-Pastor of The Cooperative Spiritualist Church, Tampa, Florida; Field representative in Florida for The National Spiritualist Association.

During the summer months, Rev. Thomson resides at Lily Dale, N. Y., where she has been scheduled on the official 1946 program for several lectures and a week of classes on the science, philosophy and religion of Modern Spiritualism.

She has served the cause of Spiritualism for the past forty years; is a National Spiritualist Teacher for the N.S.A.; is author of the booklet "Angel Messengers & Other Poems"; resides during the winter months at 215 Marwa Ave., Clearwater, Florida.

JONATHAN KOONS

(Continued from Page 2, Col. 5)

so plainly visible by the luminosity of the hand, that we could all three have touched them, and we were able to inspect them at our leisure with the most perfect ease.

"My next neighbor was so intent upon the examination that he got his head immediately over the pencil, whereupon the hand made a sudden move upwards and hit his nose with the pencil, which gave him such a start that he drew back with considerable speed.

"When anyone expressed a wish to see the hand move more plainly, as some did, the writing would cease, and the hand was displayed, extended, opened and shut, as if to show the flexibility of the joints and the kindly compliant disposition of its owner.

"One of the ladies who was not so near as we were, expressed a wish that she had been more eligibly seated. Immediately the hand and paper moved to the corner of the table nearest to her, wrote there a few lines, and then returned to its former position."

Mr. Dudley found that the message was written upon the paper supplied by him, and that the pen-

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cil also had been used. As the message is of value even today I here give it:

"To the friends of Buffalo:

"We are glad to meet you here, yet we hope your visit has not been induced by a desire to gratify the idle curiosity which sends hither so many, upon whom we have bestowed our presence and manifestations in this room. We have labored here some considerable time now, and trust we have induced more tangible and philosophical views of Spiritualism than those of the M.D.s and D.D.s of the world, especially those of Buffalo, whose treatment of the subject has not contributed much to the enlightenment or elevation of mankind.

Ties of Love

"Our object is to show the infidel, and prove to the skeptic that there is a brighter state of existence beyond the shadow of the grave—a higher condition of being than that of earth. Mortals have for ages been groping their way through doubts, fears, and despondencies, with regard to the future.

"Yet in all their researches, prompted by an earnest desire to know the truth concerning a future state of existence, how little do they realize of its actual nature, even when they strive to believe in the mystical teachings of theology.

"Our labors in this place are intended to establish that knowledge and by presenting some views of man's hereafter which he can comprehend, prepare him practically for entering upon its actual verities.

"Yes, friends, we know that as soon as man's interior perceptions are quickened into higher action by the certainty of another life, and correct views of the preparatory duties demanded of him in this, his motives to action will be stimulated by that knowledge, and the icy chains of mental slavery will be broken, and superstitions, doubt and fear will never again usurp their sway over the world.

"Were it not for the ties of love and kindred which still bind us to earth, be assured we should not labor in this way, or employ ourselves in such manifestations. How much longer our efforts here may continue, must depend much upon the patience, perseverance, and fidelity of our mediums, also upon the conduct of those who participate in the light and knowledge which is shed abroad through their instrumentality.

Few Saw . . .

"We are happy in this opportunity of congratulating our medium for his present zeal and ready devotion to our service, and for yielding up his personal efforts in aid of our mission to earth.

"We desire to say to him, as to our faithful servant Koons and family: 'Be of good cheer, and the rewards of your labors and forbearance will meet and greet you in your bright abodes hereafter, even if long delayed, or altogether withheld from you, in divine wisdom and necessity here.'

"Let the same message be accepted by all who cast in their mites to the treasury of light, knowledge and human welfare.

"Dictated by the spirit band."

I need add nothing to the eloquent and humanly wistful appeal. The Koons were so subject to persecution that eventually they had to leave their farm being broken in wealth but not in spirit. They gave their all to the world and as usual the world rejected them. A dark theology had so clouded the minds of men that when the light came it blinded them. Few saw but those that did were blessed.

N.S.A. Convention
Seattle, Washington
October 14th to 19th

The fifty-fourth annual Convention of The National Spiritualist Association of America, will open at The New Washington Hotel, Seattle, Washington, October 14th and continue through October 19th, according to Charles R. Smith, President. Nationally-known speakers and mediums have been scheduled to present the Philosophy and demonstrate the phenomena of Spiritualism.

The July issue of "The National Spiritualist", official organ of the association, announces the fact that there will be a choice of four railroads, all leaving Chicago in the evening and arriving in Seattle the third morning. Those wishing to return by way of San Francisco can do so at a small additional cost.

The officers of the association will leave Chicago on the Milwaukee Road, Monday, October 7th, at 11:15 P. M. Anyone wishing to leave on that train should communicate with C. R. Smith, 2147 N. 52nd St., Milwaukee (8) Wisconsin. Delegates desiring room reservations in Seattle must communicate with Betty Crews Brown, Route No. 2, Box 267-A, Tacoma, Washington.

A banquet in honor of the N.S.A. official board will be held Monday evening, October 14th. Make your reservations with the secretary of the Washington State Association, Ruth Huffman, 965 22nd Ave., Seattle (22) Washington.

In the event 100 reservations are made, a special train from Chicago to Seattle can be chartered for delegates and their friends. This train will leave Chicago around October 8th. All inquiries and reservations for this "special train" must be directed to Alice Buechel, 1519 Fargo Ave., Chicago (20) Illinois.

Ashley Spiritualist Camp
Opened July 7th—Closes Sept. 2d

The Ashley Spiritualist Camp Association, said to be "Ohio's Leading Spiritualist Camp", opened July 7th at Wooley Park, Ashley, Ohio, and will close September second, according to Helen Craft, Secretary.

Ashley is located on Ohio route No. 42, with the camp entrance near the Big Four Railroad Depot

and The Greyhound Bus station; about 40 miles north of Columbus, Ohio.

Speakers and mediums serving during July: Fred Spriggs, President of The Christian Spiritualist Church of Progress, Detroit, Michigan; William Elliott Hammond, minister for the Third Spiritualist Church of Philadelphia; Laura Nelson Young, Danville, Illinois; Don Clark, Ida McFarlane, Mattie Garlock; Gertrude Rowe, Jersey City, New Jersey; Ida Martin, pastor of The First Spiritualist Church, Springfield, Ohio; D. Mona Berry, pastor of Church of Eternal Brotherhood, Buffalo, N. Y.; Melvin Smith, pastor of Memorial Spiritualist Church, Marion, Ohio, and Martha Haupt, Newport, Kentucky.

During August, the 1946 program lists: T. John Kelly, internationally-known blind fold billet reader and pastor of The Spiritualist Church of Life, Buffalo, N. Y.; Lucy Enckler, Cleveland, Ohio; Francis Craft, pastor of Linden Spiritualist Church, Columbus, Ohio; Wilson Armitage, Ashley, Ohio; B. F. Clark and Dollie Clark, ministers of Psychic Science Spiritualist Church, Indianapolis, Indiana; Bertha DeLong, pastor of First Spiritualist Temple, Columbus, Ohio; Nellie Brown, Columbus, Ohio; Ida Demopoulos, Paterson, New Jersey; Alice L. Towner; Amy Pierce, Frank J. Renollet, Laura E. J. Hallway, President of the O.S. S.A. and Russell S. Waldorf, Trustee N.S.A.

The board of Directors of Ashley Spiritualist Association: President, R. S. Waldorf; Vice President, Edgar Smerts; Secretary, Helen Craft; Treasurer, Wilson Armitage; Trustees, M. O. Smith, Martha Haupt, Charles Penn, Emma Smith and Anthony Brown.

Kansas Camp Open

The twelfth annual camp meeting of the First Society of State Spiritualist Camp opened August tenth at Wells, Kansas, and will close September first, according to secretary Cora M. Brown.

Wells Camp is located on Ottawa County Highway No. 813, eight and one half miles east of Minneapolis on number 426 and one half mile north on No. 813.

Speakers and mediums featured on the official 1946 program are: Rev. Billy Hill, Joplin, Missouri; Dr. V. J. Vanzandt Rowe, Pittsburgh, Kansas; Rev. Mary E. Oyer, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Rev. Lionel Everman, Lincoln, Nebraska; Rev. Harry Sutton and Rev. Lenora DeRae, Coldwater, Michigan, and Rev. William H. Jackson, Chicago, Illinois.

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Brady Lake Spiritualist Camp

Now Open—Closes August 30th

The fifty-fifth annual session of the Brady Lake Spiritualist Camp Association opened at Brady Lake, Ohio, June 30th and will close August 30th, according to William J. Kingsbury, secretary . . . telephone Ravenna (Ohio) 7066.

Brady Lake is located in Portage County, between Kent and Ravenna, 35 miles west of Youngstown, 14 miles northeast of Akron and 35 miles southeast of Cleveland. The P. & O. Coaches, between Kent and Ravenna every hour, stop a short distance from the main auditorium and also connect with all points east and west. The Hotel under the supervision of the camp directors and the dining room, managed by Mrs. Glenn Smith will be open the entire season.

Theodore C. Russell, "America's Premier Psychic" and leader of The Cosmic Science Foundation, Inc., Buffalo, N. Y., was the featured speaker and medium throughout July. He was assisted by Rev. Della Kingsbury, President of the camp and Rev. Alice Towner. Others serving during July: Dr. Jacques Savage, Columbus, Ohio; Rev. Katherine Fidell, Pittsburgh, Pa., and Emma Felger, Youngstown, Ohio.

During the month of August, the 1946 program lists: Rev. Melvin O. Smith, Columbus, Ohio; Rev. Converse Nickerson, Somerville, Mass.; Dr. Savage and Rev. Towner.

Time of services: Sunday 10:30 A. M., 2:00, 4:00 and 8:00 P. M.; Monday and Friday, 8:00 P. M.; Wednesday and Thursday, 2:00 and 8 P. M.

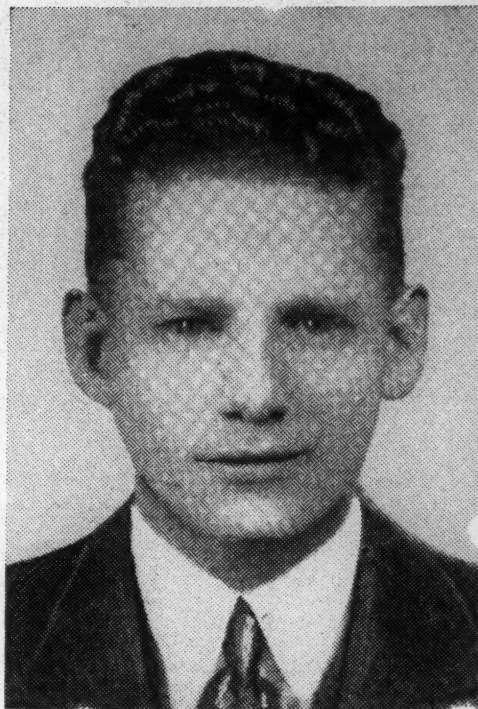
The Executive Board of Directors of the camp: President, Rev. Della Kingsbury; Vice President, T. C. Russell; Secretary, W. J. Kingsbury; Treasurer, Fred Ferris; Trustees, L. C. Webb, A. D. Cook and E. E. Bell.

Temple Heights Camp

The sixty-fourth annual session of Temple Heights Spiritualist Camp Association will open August 17th at Temple Heights, Northport, Maine, and close August 25th, according to Gladys M. Gove, Treasurer.

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Rev. Charles C. Cunningham, President of Clinton, Iowa, Spiritualist Camp; pastor of the J. T. and E. J. Crumbaugh Spiritualist Church, Le Roy, Illinois. He is a lecturer, teacher and mental medium.

the Nichawa Lodge on the camp grounds.

Speakers and mediums on the 1946 program: Melvin O. Smith, Columbus, Ohio; C. Harrison Engle, Etna, Maine, Reuberta Nryan, Waterville, Maine, and Edna Knowlton, Augusta, Maine.

General Assembly Convention

The fiftieth annual convention of The General Assembly of Spiritualists of the United States of America was held at Pythian Temple, New York City recently. About three hundred persons attended the opening banquet which was followed by business sessions and evening propaganda meetings.

Speakers and mediums listed on the official program: Rev. Raymond E. Burns, Rev. Mary Olson, Rev. Beulah Helms Brown, Rev. Edward Lester Thorne, Rev. Converse Nickerson, Rev. Isabelle Reed, Rev. Leota B. Maxwell, John Carlson and others.

During the convention, Syracuse was selected as the possible headquarters for their 1947 annual convention.

The convention delegates sought no change in their selection of Board of Directors. The present board of directors are: President, John Heiss; Vice President, Rev. L. Ayling; Secretary, Everett F. Britz; Treasurer, John Carlson; Trustees: Rev. L. Bleser, Rev. Sarah W. Cushing; Rev. Leota B. Maxwell, Rev. Isabelle Reed and George S. Shirk.

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IOWA CAMP NOW OPEN

Cunningham Reports Good Season

The 64th Convocation of the Mississippi Valley Spiritualist Association, which opened at Mt. Pleasant Park, Clinton, Iowa, July 28th, will close August 25th, according to Rev. Charles C. Cunningham, President.

Spiritualist services and seances have been held daily since the opening date: Sunday, 10:30 A. M., 2:30 and 7:30 P. M.; Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 2:30 and 7:30 P. M.; Wednesday, 7:30 P. M. and Saturday 2:30 P. M.

Mt. Pleasant Park, where all public meetings are held in a large auditorium, is located on Bluff Blvd. at 1st Ave. in the city of Clinton, Iowa. The north branch bus leaves 5th and 2nd every half hour, discharging passengers at Park entrance. Reasonable prices prevail at the hotel and restaurant located on the camp grounds.

Carroll Featured

Both physical and mental mediumship will be featured during the entire season. Speakers, mediums and healers listed on the official program: Rev. E. S. Armstrong, Danville, Illinois; Rev. Fay Brown, Lafayette, Ind.; Rev. Grace Brown and Alice E. Dickerson, Decatur, Ill.; Janice and Si Barnes (Jr.), Des Moines, Iowa; Lottie Bash and George Van Dam, Rock Island, Illinois.

Dr. J. J. Carroll, one of America's outstanding physical mediums, Buffalo, N. Y.; Rev. Charles C. and Gladys A. Cunningham and Lyle Phillips, Le Roy, Illinois; Rev. Bertha Dailey, Crawfordsville, Indiana; Emeline Belle Davis, Joliet, Illinois; Anna Gaugh and Mr. Smiley, Lenzberg, Illinois; Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Gustin, Streator, Illinois.

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The Prebendary Carlisle presenting the British flag on the steps of the Basilica at Domremy, France. The flag was donated by Lady Palmer, blessed by the Bishop of London . . . then presented to church dignitaries. This episode preceded the taking of the large spirit picture to the right, this page.

SPIRIT PHOTOGRAPH STARTLES PRIEST

Historic Psychic Picture Declared Genuine

By
L. SQUIRE-TUCKER
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ED. NOTE: The writer of this article is a well-known London spiritual healer and a former Court Photographer. He has experimented in psychic photography and adds his professional testimony to the genuineness of not only the article itself but also the pictures . . . having seen and handled the original negatives.

By the courtesy of The Lady Palmer whose permission I have obtained, I am able to relate the following authentic and unpublished account of her Ladyship's remarkable experience when visiting the Basilica at Domremy, France, dedicated to Saint Joan of Arc.

On a previous visit Lady Palmer was surprised to note that whereas

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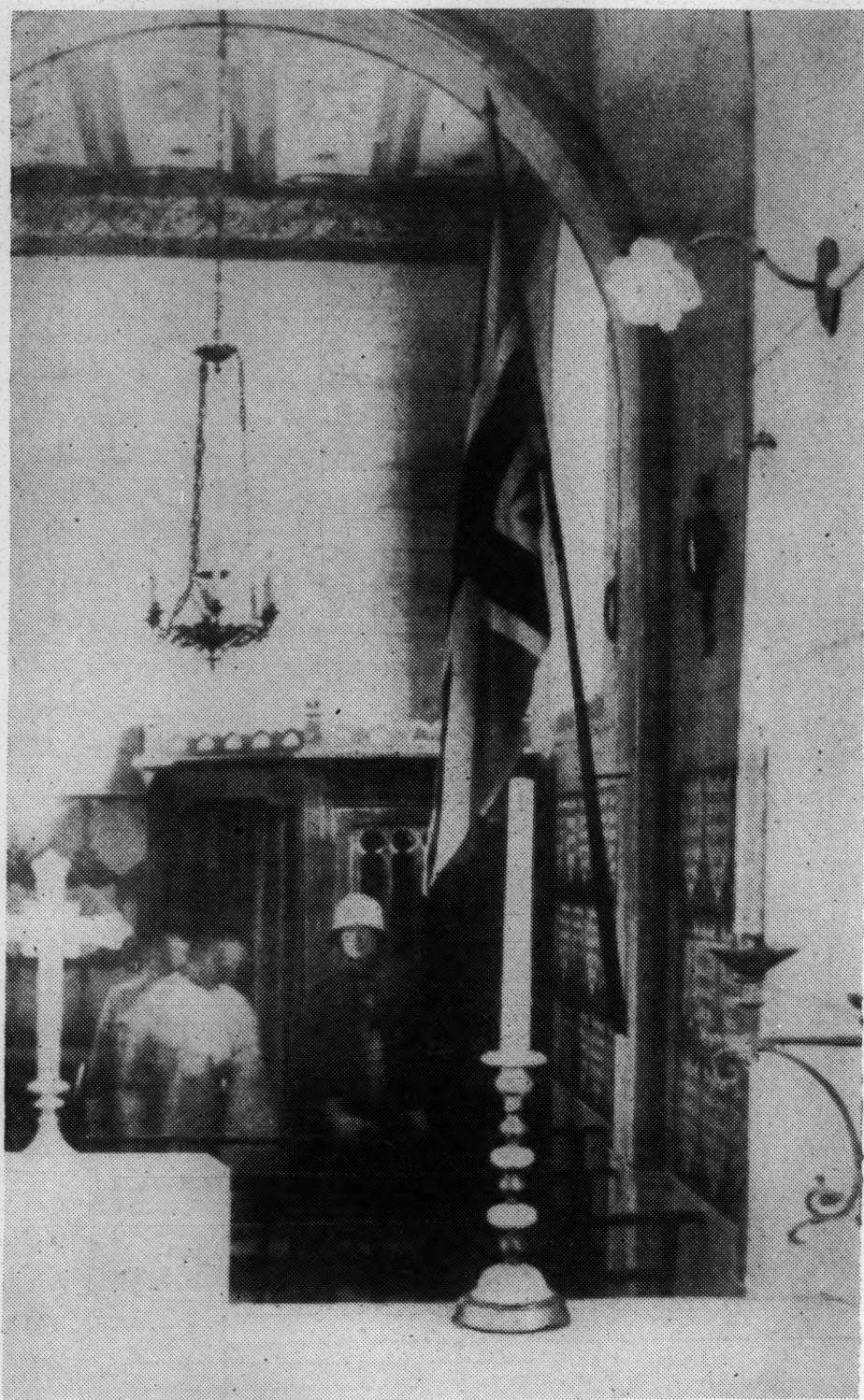
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The picture above was taken in the presence of Lady Palmer after the flag she donated was placed in The Basilica. Note the spirit pictures of two priests in ancient vestments . . . identified by a Roman Catholic Authority as being two priests of the St. Joan period. This spirit picture also had the stamp of approval from Sir Arthur Conan Doyle who used it repeatedly to illustrate his lectures on Spirit Photography. Article on this page explains circumstances.

the United States of America and many other Nations had their National Flags hung in the Chapel, there was no such tribute to represent England.

She asked the Authorities in charge of the Chapel if they would accept a British National Flag to be placed alongside the other tributes. Her offer was most graciously accepted and it was suggested that the flag should be made of silk.

On her return to London, her Ladyship gave and collected enough money to defray the whole cost of a special Union Jack Flag made of silk and round the Staff was engraved the words "With England's Homage."

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Lady Palmer visited the Bishop of London (Dr. Ingram) at Fulham Palace, his official residence, taking with her the precious new Flag, and his Lordship very willingly and graciously Blessed the Flag at the Altar.

After this she obtained the signatures of Field Marshal Earl Haig and Prebendary Carlisle and the latter taking advantage of the presence of Marshal Foch being in London, he called upon him at the French Embassy and also obtained the Marshal's signature; all three signatures may still be seen upon the Union Jack and are still intact.

Amazing Results

Seeing that this National Emblem has survived the ravages and dangers of this World War, such circumstance is in itself a miracle of preservation. Prebendary Carlisle himself presented the flag (See picture, column 1, this page).

In October, 1925, Lady Palmer paid another visit to the Shrine to see the Flag she had taken so much loving trouble to get placed there. Whilst standing alone gazing at the Flag a friend who had accompanied Lady Palmer took a

photograph of her in the Chapel itself as a memento of the occasion. (See large picture to left.)

On returning to England the negative of this picture was developed and printed when, to the amazement of her friends and herself, it was not only a portrait of herself but on her right-hand side appeared two Priests (as extras) garbed in the robes of the St. Joan period.

Vestments Important

These two are clearly marked on the negative which was submitted to the King's photographer who examined the film thoroughly and said that the extras could not possibly have been faked. (See photograph to the left.)

The film and the print was shown to Sir Arthur Conan Doyle who subsequently had a lantern slide made of it, displaying it at The Queen Hall where he was giving a lecture on *Psychic Photography*. He said it was one of the finest Spirit Pictures he had seen, particularly as the extras were not, as is often the case, partly enveloped in ectoplasmic substance.

This picture was also presented for inspection to a high Roman Catholic Authority in London whose remark was: not only did he consider it perfectly genuine but added "Oh they don't understand the Spirit-World," presumably referring to the many unbelievers in personal survival after so-called Death.

A little later Lady Palmer pub-

HE VOUCHES FOR PICTURE



Psychic Observer

L. SQUIRE-TUCKER, writer and healer; 2 Gwendolen Avenue, Putney, London S.W. 15 England; Author of a series of booklets, "New Age Healing"—a course of instruction devoted to the Rationale and Practice of the "laying-on-of-hands" and the different phases of Spiritual Healing.

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